# VICTIMS OF FELONY CRIME IN NEW HAMPSHIRE HAVE RIGHTS WHICH ARE PROTECTED BY LAW

#### RSA 173 - B:10(d) - NEW HAMPSHIRE CRIME VICTIMS' BILL OF RIGHTS INCLUDES:

- ◆ THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS.
- ◆ THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THE PROCESS AND TO BE NOTIFIED OF ALL COURT PROCEEDINGS.
- ◆ THE RIGHT TO ATTEND THE TRIAL AND ALL OTHER COURT PROCEEDINGS THE ACCUSED HAS THE RIGHT TO ATTEND.
- THE RIGHT TO BE PROTECTED FROM INTIMIDATION THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.
- ◆ THE RIGHT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT AVAILABLE RESOURCES , FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS SERVICES

STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE 1-866-644-3574
STATEWIDE SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE 1-800-277-5570

www.reachoutnh.org ◆ www.nhcadsv.org

## New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence 224-8893

The Coalition is comprised of 14 programs that provide services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking. The services are FREE, confidential and include a 24-hour crisis line, emergency shelter and transportation, court advocacy in obtaining protective orders against abusers, hospital and court accompaniment for sexual assault survivors, support groups and information and help in obtaining public assistance.

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Berlin (SA)	1-800-277-5570	Laconia (SA)	1-800-277-5570
Berlin (DV)	1-866-644-3574	Laconia (DV)	1-866-644-3574
Concord (SA)	1-800-277-5570	Lebanon	1-866-348-WISE
Concord (DV)	1-866-644-3574	Littleton	1-800-774-0544
Conway	1-800-336-3795	Manchester	668 -2299
Claremont	1-800-639-3130	Nashua	883-3044
Durham UNH	862-SAFE	Plymouth	536-1659
Durham UNH	1-866-233-7233	Portsmouth (DV)	1-800-854-3552
Keene	352-3782	Portsmouth (SA)	1-800-747-7070

# IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INCLUDING THREATS OF VIOLENCE:

According to NH law RSA 173 - B:10(d) "If you feel that law enforcement protection is needed for your physical safety, you have the right to request that the officer assist in providing for your safety, including asking for an emergency telephonic order for protection. You may also request that the officer assist you in obtaining from your premises, toiletries, medication, clothing, business equipment, and any other items as determined by the court, and in locating and taking you to a local safe place including but not limited to, a designated meeting place to be used as a crisis center, a family member or friend's residence, or a similar place of safety. If you are in need of medical treatment you have the right to request that the officer assist you in obtaining an ambulance. You may request a copy of the report filed by the peace officer, at no cost, from the law enforcement department."

- You have the right to go to the District, Family or Superior Court to obtain a protective order against the person who abused or threatened you.
- Contact your local Domestic Violence Crisis Center for free, confidential support and assistance.
- The police officer has the responsibility to decide whether or not to make an arrest; an officer can arrest with or without your consent if the officer believes that a crime has been committed.

### VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

These programs provide orientation, notification, information and support throughout the criminal justice process within the Superior Courts and in some District Courts.

◆ Attorney General's Office of Victim Assistance 271-3671

Belknap County	527-5440	Hillsborough South	594-3255
Carroll County	439-7476	Merrimack County	228-0529
Cheshire County	355-3013	Rockingham County	642-4249
Coos County	788-3812	Strafford County	749-4215
Grafton County	787-6968	Sullivan Countý	863-8345
Hillsborough North	627-5605	U.S. Attorney's Office	225-1552

#### CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

If you are a victim of a violent crime, or the family or dependent of a deceased victim, you may be eligible for compensation for hospital/medical expenses, lost wages, funeral expenses and/or mental health therapy expenses, not otherwise covered by insurance. Property crimes are not covered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 1-800-300-4500 (toll free in NH only) 603-271-1284 (out of state)

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING LINE: 1-800-894-5533
ELDER AND INCAPACITATED ADULT ABUSE REPORTING LINE
1-800-322-9191

NAME OF POLICE OFFICER:				
POLICE DEPARTMENT:				
CASE NUMBER:	COURT LOCATION:			